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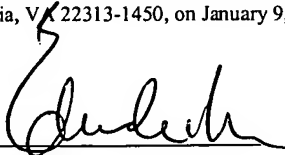
Claims 1-18 were pending prior to the above amendments. Claims 1 and 10 are canceled. Claims 2 and 11 are rewritten to independent form, and Claims 4, 7-9, 13 and 16-18 are amended to depend respectively from Claims 2 and 11.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 7, 9-10 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,376,300 ("Tsang"). Because Claims 1 and 10 are canceled and their respective dependent Claims 7, 9, 16 and 18 now depend from Claims 2 and 11, the Examiner's rejections are moot.

The Examiner indicates allowable subject matters in Claims 2-6, 8, 11-15 and 17, but for their dependence from rejected base claims. Since Claims 2 and 11 are now rewritten in independent form, Claims 2 and 11 and their respective dependent Claims 3-9 and 12-18 are each in allowable form.

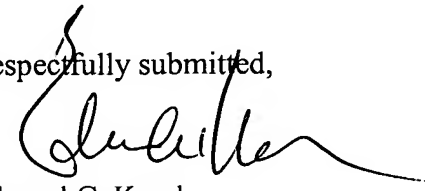
All pending claims (i.e., Claims 2-9 and 11-18) are believed allowable. If the Examiner has any question regarding the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant at 408-392-9250.

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